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To Whom It May Concern:

I am sorry I could not be here in person, but I am in the middle of calving season. Senate Bill 505 is a very important bill to my family and our ranching operation. The methane water is very important for watering cattle, wildlife, house hold use, fire suppression, dust control, and irrigation. Right now we use this water for our cattle and in a storage tank for our house hold use. In 1998 our water well went bad. In the next seven years we drilled 4 wells around our house and corrals. The first one being dry, second one being a good well but was damaged by the company that was working on it. He replaced the well but did not complete it right so it pumped sand. Finally, the fourth well was drilled in 2005 it produced a gallon per minute. The next day one of the four Energy companies showed up and said they would replace that well with a cistern and we could use the water from the methane wells. We also had stock tanks put in which allowed us to utilize our pastures better. We also utilize this water by hauling it to pastures that are short of water due to the drought. No matter if Bill 505 is passed or not the water from methane wells will still be produced. It is a very good source of water for ranchers and land owners. If Senate Bill 505, is not passed all the water will go down the Tongue River to the people who oppose this Bill will get to use the water. We can use this water and Senate Bill 505 will let us do so.

Thank you for your Time

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